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—Samuel Gompers.

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MEANY RAPS 'SECOND BEST' PHILOSOPHY

REPORT —TO OUR READERS-OWNERS

Trib's Disclaimer

Some time ago Paul Jones, Laborers 304, a vice-president of the State Federation of Labor, sent Oakland Tribune a telegram kidding them about an opinion expressed by one of the syndicated columnists on the Trib's editorial page.

Very shortly thereafter the cautious old Trib, fearful that some reader would suspect them of feeling liberal or pro-labor or New Dealish began running the following disc in front of each syndicated columnist's screed:

"(Editor's Note: The following views are those of the author and are presented here to give readers a variety of viewpoints. The Tribune's opinions are expressed only in editorials.)"

One thing wrong about that statement is, of course, that the Trib does express some of its opinions in the news columns. But we're interested now in another angle of the matter.

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Pogo and McCarthy

What we'd like to suggest is that the Trib run that same Editor's note over its comic strip page, instead of having its own artists tinker with the work of the comic strippers.

How extensive this practice of tinkering with their comic strips is we don't know, but at least in the case of the strip called POGO, by Walt Kelly, it is very interesting to compare the strip as it comes out in the Oakland Tribune.

In the Richmond Independent of September 3, for example, and in the Tribune of the same date of issue, the difference between the two is striking. They're the same strip, same characters, same story, same statements, etc.

But one of the characters in the Independent has a resemblance to Joe McCarthy, with the famous "five o'clock shadow," sparse hair, clearly indicated eyebrows, and other distinctly recognizable stigmata of the Hon. Joe. In the Trib, however, the "five o'clock shadow" and the other Joe Blow stigmata are decidedly missing.

Question: Does the Richmond Independent put the McCarthy stuff into POGO, or does the Tribune take it off?

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Take a Look!

It isn't fair to try to guess, perhaps, but it might be pointed out that the Trib has been pretty friendly to McCarthy, on the whole, and that its Senator, a man named Bill Knowland, has surely never attacked the Wisconsinite; also that when McCarthy was out in this State a while he said some nice things about the said Bill Knowland.

In any event, next time a Trib reader is looking at POGO, just try figuring out which character in the strip it is that might look like Joe McCarthy in the strip as run by the Richmond Independent.

Dining Car Employes Win Raise, Vacation

Some 1800 members of Dining Car Employes Local 456 have received a 5 cents an hour raise retroactive to December 16, 1953 as a result of a contract negotiated recently in Chicago between the Joint Council of Dining Car Employes and the Eastern, Western and Southeastern Carriers.

Tom Anderson, Local 456 secretary-treasurer, reported that members of his local also won an additional weeks vacation with pay for members with 15 years employployment. Prior to the new agreement the 15 year employes had received 2-weeks vacations.

Office Employes 29 Win Strike Sanction

Office Employes 29 were granted Central Labor Council strike sanction this week against the Mercantile Acceptance Company located at 9440 E. 14th St.

Strike sanction was granted following a report by Harold Stearn, Local 29 organizer, who stated that the company refused to recognize the fact that the majority of the company's employes were now organized.

Jay Johnson New Head Of Laborers' Council

Jay Johnson, president and business representative of Laborers 304, was elected last Saturday as president of the Northern California District Council of Laborers.

Johnson replaced the late Harry Sherman of Sacramento.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

The following unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 3 of this issue of the Journal.

PLASTERERS 112.
SHEET METAL WORKERS 216
HAYWARD PAINTERS 1178.

Dinner-Rally For Graves On Sept. 30

A $100 per ticket fund raising dinner for Richard Graves, Democratic nominee for governor, will be held in the Athens Club on Thursday, September 30 at 7 p.m.

Announcement of the Graves dinner was made this week at the Central Labor Council by Paul L. Jones, Laborers 304. Jones, who was recently appointed chairman of the Alameda County Finance Committee for Graves, said that dinner guests will have an opportunity to meet in person both Graves and Attorney General Pat Brown.

Taking note of the several gasps following mention of the dinner's cost, Joe Chaudet, Typographical 36, rose to deliver an impassioned plea for more labor money for Graves.

"I know that $100 seems like a lot of money coming from individuals," he said, "but where else can Graves go to get the finances necessary to run his campaign? Remember, billboard, TV, printing and mailing costs money and that money must come from the ranks of labor!"

Chaudet added that Jones "would be happy to accept whatever you can offer to the campaign, however small the contribution" from those unable to shell out $100 to attend the dinner.

He urged the delegates not to hold back on their contributions for Graves "or for any other labor-supported candidate," and warned them that their money won't mean a thing if an unfriendly, anti-labor governor and state legislature is returned to Sacramento in November.

Sam W. Blanford Committee Formed

Sam W. Blanford, Democratic candidate for Assembly in the 16th Assembly District, announced this week the formation of a general committee of supporters made up of local business and professional people and labor leaders.

The 16th Assembly District comprises the Piedmont, Montclair, Lakeshore, Claremont, Temescal, and Broadway Terrace areas of Oakland.

Included on the Committee for Blanford are Ernest Aronson, Robert S. Ash, Jack Austin, Walter Banks, Cecelia Bittner, Anga Bjornson, Joe Chaudet, John E. Clark, Lyle Cook, Dr. Laurance Cross, Dan Cunningham, John Davy, Van Dempsey, Al Eakle, Phil Evans, Bill Finn, Lorey Freeborn, Monroe Friedman, Charles Garoni, Mildred Giffen, Herbert Hoover, Robert Johnson, Paul L. Jones, Ethelyn Kaplan, John J. Kollmeyer, Robert Kroninger, Edna Lallement, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Landrum, Harry Lear, Edward Logue, Mr. and Mrs. George Moncharsh, Mary Martin, Ed Merritt, Ernest Mulgrew, Genevieve Nicholson, John F. Quinn, George Rice, T. J. Roberts, Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Roth, Dr. Paul Rousseau, Nell Skattebol, Clara Shirpser, Bill Stadnisky, Dr. Robert Stone, Sam and Betse Surace, Melvin Thompson, S. E. Thornton, Ernest Vernon, George Whitton, Harris C. Wilkin.

Graves for Governor Campaign Committee Supporters Announced

The Richard Graves for Governor campaign committee of Alameda County with Joseph Smith as Chairman announced the following appointments:

Mrs. Jeanne Israel, executive secretary; John Purchio Chairman, 8th Congressional District; and Betty Witkin Chairman, 7th Congressional District.

Those who will serve on various committees are, Monroe Friedman, Morris Henerson, Harry Whiteside, Eulalia Anderson, Annis Rock, Ada Daggett, Robert Infelese, D. G. Gibson, Mr. George Vaughn, Mayor Laurance Cross, Verne Floyd, Joseph Chaudet, William Hancock, Tony Pulveroso, Martin Huff, August Knodt, Ray Marsh, Hal Straull, Burnard Insel, Jack Holmdahl, Dr. Whitney, Lucille Jones, Alice Heyneman, Alex Sherriffs, Ruth Kingman, Pasquale Perry, Charles Israel, Al Miller, Charlene Charles, Nan Whiteside, Charles Murray.

Demos Plan Election Work at Meet Tonight

Final plans for campaign efforts to elect Democrats in the general election, Nov. 2, will be laid by leaders of Democratic clubs throughout the Eighth Congressional District at a meeting of their council on Friday, (tonight), 8 p.m., in the San Leandro city hall.

"We expect nearly 60 delegates from about a dozen Democratic clubs to be participants in this strategy-making conference," said Harold A. Strauel, council president.

Sen. Kefauver To Speak Here Today at Noon

Senator Estes Kefauver, United States Senator from Tennessee, will be the principal speaker at a public luncheon held under the auspices of the Democratic Clubs of Alameda County on Friday noon, (today) at the Leamington Hotel, Oakland, acocrding to an announcement by Mayor Laurance L. Cross, Alameda County Democratic Chairman.

Senator Kefauver will speak on "Our Foreign Policy and the Pacific Coast."

The committee in charge of arrangements is headed by Judge Monroe Friedman.

Bakery Drivers' Scale Hits Top In New Pact Here

A new 1-year wage increase contract signed this week between Bakery Drivers 432 and the Bakers Club of Oakland will boost the local bakery drivers' pay scale to the highest level in the industry throughout the United States when the contract takes effect on October 1.

According to Les Benham, Local 432 secretary and business representative, the agreement provides for a $3.50 per week wage increase for all classifications except loaders and checkers. The latter two classifications will receive $3.43 per per week.

The increases, which will affect about 750 union members, will bring the new pay scale for bakery drivers to $98.50 per week. In addition, the drivers are guaranteed 7 percent on all sales over $530, said Benham.

He added that similar contract provisions cover house-to-house driver-salesmen.

Typos 36 Win Hike In 18 Month Pacts

Jack Austin, secretary-treasurer of Typographical 36, announced the signing of 18 months, 2-step wage raise contracts signed on September 14 with the Associated Printing Industries of Oakland, and local business forms plants.

The contracts' terms, retroactive to June 1, 1954, provides for an initial $1.50 per week raise to February 27, 1955 after which date an additional 85 cents per week will be paid until the contract expires on December 18, 1955.

An important feature of the agreements, Austin reported, is the provision for an additional 6 percent on all employee earnings to pay for 3-weeks vacations.

Working with Austin during the lengthy contract negotiations were President R. H. Harris, Bryce Dye, James Hamm, Carl Hansen, Paul Katz, Steve Stanosz, John Trench and Frank Woodmansee.

Contra Costa Demos Open Richmond Office

United Campaign headquarters for all Democratic candidates in Contra Costa County were opened this week on 14th Street and MacDonald Avenue, Richmond, it was announced jointly by James P. Kenny, Chairman, Democratic County Central Committee of Contra Costa County and Richard Haber President of the County Federation of Democratic Clubs.

Operation of headquarters will be under the direction of Kenny.

Local Egg Candlers Win 10 Cents Increase

A 10 cents an hour raise, effective on September 19, was won here for some 150 egg candlers in a contract signed recently between representatives of Butchers Local 120 and the city egg workers group of Alameda and Contra Costa counties.

S. E. Thornton, Local 120 secretary-treasurer, made the announcement.

Dunn Draws Active Aid of Labor Council

A 6-member action committee of Central Labor Council delegates was appointed this week to give "whatever support possible" to further the cause of labor-backed Assemblyman Francis Dunn Jr., who is now running for supervisor in the 2nd Supervisorial District.

The committee was authorized to solicit campaign funds from council affiliated unions and to do the other necessary practical matters to get out the vote for Dunn.

(A similar action committee for Dunn, composed of 5-members, was appointed last week by the Building Trades Council.)

CLC delegates appointed included Marilyn Anglin, Office Employes 29; Pete Ceremello, Paint Makers 1101; Ed Clancy, Periodical Drivers 96; Edna Lallement, Bulding Service Employes 18; Pat Sander, Cooks 228; and Ernie Vernon, Auto Mechanics 1546.

In the absence of President John F. Quinn, who was attending the AFL convention in Los Angeles, the appointments were made by Vice President Lallement.

Prior to the appointments, T. J. Roberts, Stationary Engineers 39; and Joe Chaudet, Typographical 36, emphasized the importance to organized labor of getting "a sympathetic ear" on the Board of Supervisors.

They pointed out that members of the Board of Supervisors have vast powers over the activities of the county welfare agency, county hospitals and other departments of particular interest to union members.

Dunn, a long time member of Painters 127, has been a staunch supporter of organized labor's cause during his 11 years as a state asemblyman from the 13th District.

IAM, Carpenters In Historic Pact

An important sidelight to the AFL convention being held this week in Los Angeles is the announcement that the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners and the International Association of Machinists have signed an agreement aimed at ending jurisdictional disputes which have plagued both unions for 40 years.

The historic agreement, which takes effect immediately was signed last Saturday by the unions' presidents, Maurice A. Hutcheson for the carpenters and Al J. Hayes for the machinists. The carpenters have 850,000 members and the machinists 864,000.

Among the main features of the lengthy and detailed document is the spelling out of work boundaries for the union members and the setting up of machinery for the peaceful settlement of any disputes.

United Crusade Drive Opens Here Sept. 30

The 1954 East Bay United Crusade will get under way at all Eastbay industrial plants on Thursday, September 30, it was announced this week by Elvyn C. Evers of the Crusade's Commerce and Industry Committee.

Evers, an official of the local Anglo California National Bank, urged fellow businessmen to help "kick-off" another successful fund raising campaign this year by organizing rallies at their respective plants on that date.

Joseph Diviny to Study European Transport

Joseph J. Diviny, Teamsters international vice president and president of Local 85 in San Francisco, has been selected to represent the AFL on an inspection tour of the transportation industries of Italy and France.

Diviniy is expected to leave for Europe with five other representatives sometime in October.

Building Service Group Reelects Officers, Hit Right-to-Work Bills

All officers of the Western Conference of Building Service Unions, including Conference Secretary W. Douglas Geldert, were reelected to 1-year terms at the 5th annual gathering of the labor organization in San Francisco last week. Geldert is secretary and business representative of Building Service Employes Local 18.

Reelected with Geldert were President Arthur T. Hare and Glenn R. Blake, vice-president from the Portland area.

The conference, which covers all AFL Building Service Unions in the 11 western states and Canada, was attended by 125 delegates and guests including Edna Lallement and Victor Brandt, Local 18 president and organizer respectively.

Delegates taking part in the 4-day "strictly business" conference discussed many of the problems facing their unions and showed particular concern over the possibility of the spread of so-called "right to work" legislation in several states. As a result of the prolonged discussion on this subject, the conference approved a resolution urging the AFL convention delegates in Los Angeles this week to set up machinery to assist unions actively in those states where "right to work" legislation is being considered.

Conference delegates were honored with the appearance of several of their international officers including President William F. McFetridge, Secretary Treasurer William H. Cooper, Vice Presidents Thomas Burke (Chicago), Thomas Shortman and David Sullivan (both of New York), and Tony Weinlein, international research director.

A Reminder! Voters' League Meets Sept. 27

No meeting of the Central Labor Council will be held Monday, September 27.

Instead, a convention of the Voters League of Alameda County-AFL will be held where the CLC usually meets.

The League meeting will make important decisions connected with the general election in November.

Yorty Raps Kuchel As 'Incompetent' 'Confused' Senator

At a recent Northbrae Community Church dinner, attended by many local Democratic candidates, Congresman Sam Yorty lashed out at his opponent in the race for U.S. Senate, branding Kuchel as "confused" and "incompetent" regarding legislative matters of permanent importance to California.

Yorty took Kuchel to task for failing to object in the Senate against the Frying Pan Arkansas water bill which was opposed by the State of California.

"He just sat there confused when the bill came up and he never said a word," Yorty declared.

According to Senate rules on the bill, an objection by any senator could have prevented its passage through the upper house. As it was, said Yorty, the bill did pass the Senate and was finally killed in the House of Representatives only after Yorty and other congressmen had attacked the measure.

He laid Kuchel open to the charge of "incompetence" in the senator's statement and actions regarding U.S. foreign policy. Yorty referred particularly to the fact that Kuchel voted to cut the U.S. air force soon after he was appointed to office.

In addition he raked Kuchel for showing his ignorance as to the importance of the island of Quemoy off the China coast "in statements made by the junior senator only a few weeks ago. He never even heard of Quemoy."

"Quemoy is in the newspaper headlines a lot nowadays, isn't it?" he added wryly.

In Kuchel's voting record, said Yorty, "the junior senator from California shows that he is merely the echo of the senior senator from this State."

Besides his direct attack at his opponent, Yorty reserved stinging barbs for the Republican administration generally. He deplored the "advertising agency technique" of the present administration to sell its program to the American people. He said:

"They know they can't sell it by telling the truth, so they resort to a contest in which they use the greatest superlatives."

Yorty said he suspected the Republicans liked to see a lot of unemployment "which is why they don't tackle the problem."

"To hear the Republicans," he said, "we have to be overjoyed that things aren't getting worse, and we should be especially overjoyed at the fact that this is the second best year" in American economic history.

"We have between 4 and 5 millions of people unemployed today," he said, "and I believe that as long as there is one man unemployed who wants to work then we have a problem."

The church dinner, sponsored jointly by the Albany Democratic Club and the Albany Women's Democratic Study Club, was attended by a host of Democratic dignitaries including Dr. Laurance Cross, pastor of the Northbrae Community Church and chairman of the Alameda County Democratic Central Committee; Mrs. Clara Shirpser, California national committeewoman; Anga Bjornson, candidate for the State Senate; Stanley Crook, candidate in the 7th Congressional District; Sam Blanford and Byron Rumford, candidates in the 16th and 17th Assembly Districts respectively; and Lyle Cook, County Chairman of the Yorty campaign.

Union Welfare Plans Here Face U.S. Check

Local labor people were showing interest in the recent announcement that investigators for a U.S. Senate subcommittee have arrived in San Francisco this week to conduct inquiries into Bay Area union health and welfare funds.

One of the investigators, Blake Turner, told newsmen that the investigation is "merely fact-finding" and that the reason why the nationwide investigation is being switched here is because this area "is highly organized and . . . there are a lot of welfare funds n existence here."

Similar inquiries have been conducted in Philadelphia and Chicago during the past summer.

Police, Fire Tickets

The Central Labor Council this week voted to purchase 10 tickets each for the Oakland Firemen's Protective Fund Show and the Oakland Police Department's Annual Ball.

BTC Invites U.C. Brass, Employes To Special Meet

The Building Trades Council on Tuesday announced that it is inviting top administrative officials of the University of California and radiation laboratories and all U.C. employes whose unions are affiliated with the council to attend a meeting next week to discuss labor problems at the university.

The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 28, at 8 p.m. in Hall M of the AFL Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St.

BTC MEETS 7:30 P.M.

In order not to dispense with the regularly scheduled BTC business session for that evening, the council voted to move up its regular starting time to 7:30 for that session only. The council will then adjourn at 8 p.m. in order to permit its delegates to attend the U.C. meeting.

The BTC invitation is an outgrowth of a similar meeting held under university auspices last week at which time several important matters of interest to the council were left dangling. It is hoped that many of these matters will finally be resolved at the forthcoming meeting.

CONFERENCE

A 2-day conference on workmen's compensation, sponsored by the California State Federation of Labor, will be held during the weekend of October 16-17 at 240 Golden Gate Ave., in San Francisco.

The conference is open only to AFL officials and members.

According to a letter signed by C. J. Haggerty, State Federation secretary-treasurer, the conference will deal entirely with the permanent disability rating schedule of the California workmen's compensation law.

Haggerty urged all those interested in attending to make their reservations with his office at 995 Market St., San Francisco.

The only charge connected with the conference is a $3 registration fee payable at the opening session.

BTC CRACKDOWN

The council authorized the placing of pickets on any job where a building tradesmen refuses to show his union card to any authorized BTC representatives.

Targets for the council's new "get tough" policy are those uncooperative building tradesmen who are found working on weekends by the BTC "cruising squad."

Meany Selects Ash For AFL Committee

Central Labor Council Secretary Robert S. Ash, attending the AFL convention in Los Angeles this week, was pleasantly surprised on learning that he had been appointed by AFL President George Meany as a member of the important AFL Committee on Legislation.

Ash's appointment came as a particular surprise to him because he was out of the convention hall at the time of the announcement and first learned of it after bumping into CLC President John F. Quinn a little later.

After telling Ash the good news, Quinn added that "it seems funny that the State Federation saw fit to refuse you membership on any of its committees while the national AFL shows its respect for you by appointing you to one of its most important committees."

Economy Dep't. Store In Hayward is Unfair So Local 1265 Pickets

Department and Specialty Store Employes 1265 have placed a picket line around the Economy Department Store at 1019 B St., Hayward.

According to Russ Mathiesen, Local 1265 secretary, the picket line was set up for the two-fold purpose of protesting the store owner's unfair labor practices and to reinstate three union salespeople who were fired.

Mathiesen stated that the hassle started shortly after the union notified the store owner that it represented a majority of the salespeople and that it wished to negotiate a contract for its members.

Seven days later, he said, "we received letters of resignation from five of the store's employes which we feel certain was due to threats against the employes by the proprietor."

Two days after Local 1265 placed a picket around the store, the proprietor fired three salesgirls who had remained on the job at the union's request.

"We're still picketing," said Mathiesen.

VERNA ELIASON, Building Trades Council office secretary, is spending a well-earned vacation in the Northwest. She's expected back at her desk on Monday. In the meantime, her job is being capably handled by Marjorie F. Burger.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME will revert back to Standard Time on Sunday, September 26 at 2 a.m. Don't forget to turn your clock and/or watch back one hour at that time.

GOP Advocates of Second Best Economy Should Be Defeated

LOS ANGELES (AFL NEWS)—President Meany told the 73rd AFL Convention this week that the American people should see that those persons who advocate a "second best" economy for the Nation emerge second best in the November elections.

Hitting at Administration boasting that this is the "second best year" for the United States economically, President Meany said:

"The cost of this second best year up to now is two million jobs and $7 billion less on the tables and wage rolls of the country. Could we have won the last war with a second best Navy and a second best Army and second best Air Force?

"Do we want a second-rate Congress or a second-rate Administration at a time when American responsibilities, needs and opportunities are greater than ever before?

"Let me make a suggestion on the political campaign to those who advocate a second best philosophy as being good enough for America. Let us see that they emerge from the political campaign second best."

Meany said that what the AFL wants is maximum employment, maximum production and maximum purchasing power.

He added that unless America maintains a strong, healthy economy, it might suffer a collapse which would give Soviet Russia a victory in its campaign for World domination without firing a shot.

AFL PROGRAM

President Meany's keynote address laid out a broad program of domestic and international issues to be considered by the convention. He also:

1—Reported 90 days' operation of the AFL-CIO No-Raiding Agreement without a single raid, and usged immediate steps following the convention to bring about organic AFL-CIO unity.

2—Said that the new AFL International Disputes Plan to be submitted will provide the means by which we can prevent waste of time, energy and money now spent in fighting each other on the organization front.

3—Praised Carpenters President Maurice Hutcheson and Machinists President A. J. Hayes for negotiating a settlement of the 40-year jurisdictional dispute between their unions.

4—Pledged that the AFL will not be a tail to the Democratic or Republican kite but that it will participate to the limit of its resources in political action to elect friendly congressmen and state legislators.

5—Asserted that the AFL intends to remain strong to obtain for the workers it represents a fair share of the wealth they help to produce.

MITCHELL ACCUSES AFL

Later in the convention, delegates to the 10,000,000-member labor organization sat on their hands while listening to Secretary of Labor James P. Mitchell accuse them of being unfairly critical of the Eisenhower administration.

President Meany, in his keynote address had anticipated the Mitchell blast by accusing Congress and the GOP administration of "doing nothing—just nothing" about employment. He pointed out that the official count of unemployed workers, now listed as close to 3,400,000, did not take into account another 2,000,000 "underemployed" or working less than a full work week.

PRESIDENT TO SPEAK

Today (Friday) the convention delegates will have the honor of being host to President Eisenhower who will deliver a speech aimed at allaying labor's present fear of the motives of the national GOP administration.

CLC Pays Last Respects to Former Delegates Joseph Silva and Harry Miller

The Central Labor Council delegates stood in silence at adjournment this week in respect of the memories of former council delegates Joseph Silva, Bakery Drivers 432, and Harry E. Miller, Shipyard Laborers 886.

Silva, who has also held membership cards in Milk Drivers 302 and Musicians 6, died suddenly on September 5 shortly after returning here from Santa Barbara where he attended the State Federation of Labor convention.

Miller, a member of Local 886 since 1941 and a CLC delegate since 1948, died of a heart attack in Berkeley on September 16. He was 66. Funeral services were held the following day.

A little known sidelight in the long pro-labor career of Miller is the fact that he was one of the charter members of the AFL Actors Guild during his youth when he was a professional entertainer.

Miller, an expert unicycle rider, cavorted under the nickname of "Bozo" performing his trick riding act in most of the early vaudeville circuits in the United States.

Later in life he suffered from diabetes which, aggravated by a head injury received while working in a local shipyard, resulted in his becoming totally blind in 1951.

Miller, whose last position with Local 886 was that of sergeant-at-arms, was well liked by the membership and was elected several times as a delegate to the State Federation and International Hod Carriers conventions.

Family survivors include his widow, Emmie; sons Jack and Edwin "Bozo" Miller; sisters, Mrs. Stella Applestien and Mrs. Della Rocca; and a brother, Eddie.

Areawide Health Plan Conference Gets Under Way at U. C. On October Second

Details of the 2-day conference on the problems of health insurance which is scheduled for the weekend of October 2-3 at the University of California was disclosed to the Central Labor Council this week by Jeffery Cohelan, Milk Drivers 302.

The conference is being jointly sponsored by the Alameda County AFL Health and Welfare Council, the Alameda County CIO Council, the Alameda-Contra Costa County Medical Association and the U.C. Institute of Industrial Relations.

Cohelan, a member of the AFL Welfare Council, reported that the conference, which gets under way at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 2, will be split up into workshops in which various phases of health insurance problems will be discussed.

Among the topics to be thrashed out in the workshops are included "What Kind of Health Plan Do We Want"—"How Can We Make The Best Use of Existing Health Plans"—"Health Insurance Plans: Recent Developments"—and "The Doctor-Patient Relationship in the Organization of Modern Medical Care."

In addition, delegates will take part in two general sessions each day at which they will hear talks by distinguished guests who are experts on the subject of health and health plans.

Luncheons during the two days will be held at the university's International House, and there, too, delegates will be treated to interesting and informative talks on topics relating to the conference.

Cohelan informed the council delegates that invitations (free of charge) are being sent out this week to all local unions and he urged each local to take advantage of this opportunity to send one or more representatives to the conference.

"Perhaps if we attend," he said, "we may be able to thrash out our mutual problems with local doctors and hospitals."

According to Cohelan, among the non-labor professional representatives who are expected to attend the conference are those from insurance companies, the California Medical Association, the California Hospital Association, the California Dental Association, various health plans and key employer organizations.

Gompers Labor Post Seeking New Members

Andrew Soiensen, adjutant of the Samuel Gompers Union Labor Post 578, urged Central Labor Council delegates this week to interest their local memberships to join as active members of the Gompers Post, which is a branch of the American Legion.

Soiensen, a former CLC delegate from Molders 164, reminded the delegates the Gompers Post was originally organized and sponsored by the council in 1940 and added that the Post will accept any honorably discharged veteran of World Wars 1 and 2 or of the Korean conflict.

Interested applicants may either contact Soinsen at AN. 1-2171 or drop in at Post headquarters at 200 Grand Ave. (Veterans Memorial Building) during any of its meetings which are held every second and fourth Thursdays of the month at 8 p.m.

Office Employes 29 Win Hike In St. Regis Pact

Dick Groulx, organizer for Office Employes 29, reported this week the signing of a union contract with the St. Regis Paper Company providing for a $10.50 per month wage increase effective October 1.

Groulx added that he received a big assist during the negotiations by Herbert (Scotty) Hewitt, director of the Western Conference of Specialty Unions.

HOW TO BUY

Biggest Car Cost

By SYDNEY MARGOLIUS
Labor Consumer Advisor for Labor Journal

Mrs. Delma Curtis, Harrison, Ark., raises some good questions about buying cars: "Does it pay to keep a car several years or get one every year or two? Is it wiser to buy a new one when you buy?

This is a debate that goes on across many back fences and family dining tables. As a confirmed used-car buyer, this writer is convinced you save by buying a good second-hand car and also by holding on to a car for several years.

That's because depreciation is the biggest single cost in car ownership. Latest cost figures reported by the American Automobile Association show that if you buy a new car—one of the three leading lower-priced models—and trade it in every two years, your operating costs for 10,000 miles a year would be: depreciation, $442; insurance (fire, theft, $15,000-$30,000 liability), $101; gas and oil (at 2.23 cents a mile), $223; maintenance, $74; tires, $51. Total: $891, but that doesn't include, licenses; garage, parking, toll fees; financing and other hidden costs. The total expense is actually twice as much as the average family spends for rent in a year. You have to have pockets lined with gold to own a car on this basis, or sacrifice other needs.

INCREASING

In the past three years, depreciation has become an increasingly large expense. In the first postwar years, cars depreciated in value very little. Now, one large manufacturer reports, the average car depreciates 2.4 per cent of its value each month, or 28.8 per cent a year. Thus, a car that costs, say, $1800 loses $518 of value the first year, and $375 the second year, at which time you can buy it for about $900, depending on condition, resale popularity of the model and prevailing market conditions.

Thus the first two years squeeze out half of the original cost. Third year depreciation costs you $260; fourth year, $185; fifth, $130, and from then on less than $100.

Naturally you will have increasing repair costs as the car ages. Most service managers and mechanics report maintenance costs jump after 40,000 miles, when such costly components as clutch, brakes, wheel bearings, universal joints and steering gear start to go. But with good maintenance, many owners get up to 60,000 miles of comparatively inexpensive operation. If body and chassis are in good condition, a new or factory-rebuilt engine can give you an additional 40-50,000 miles at only one-fifth or one-sixth the cost of a new car. Because of the increase in depreciation cost, adequate maintenance to extend a car's usefulness takes on new financial importance. Grease is cheaper than metal.

NO RETURN POINT

When you do find repairs plus depreciation add up to more than depreciation plus less-costly ordinary maintenance on a newer car would cost, you have probably arrived at the car owner's point of no return, when it will be cheaper to trade. While yearly maintenance costs on new cars run only about $74 a year, the AAA's National Automotive Service Dept. found that average maintenance costs among a group of members it surveyed, whose cars included older as well as fairly young ones, came to $287 a year. Of this, $105 went for major repairs, and $181 for general maintenance including replacement of ignition points, spark plugs, windshield wipers and lights, body care, lubrication, etc. Of course many owners trim these costs by handling the less-skilled tasks like body care themselves.

Generally people who live in rural areas can hold on to a car longer than city dwellers. City driving builds up carbon quickly, and is hard on steering parts, brakes, transmission, axles and rear ends. Cars driven chiefly in the city require carbon and valve jobs after only 15,000 miles, especially if equipped with hydraulic valve lifters. These gum up from condensation produced by slow stop-and-go driving and short trips. In comparison, a car usually driven in open country at fairly consistent high speeds not only needs fewer carbon removal jobs but will generally have longer engine life.

A TIP

Here's a tip on shopping for used cars: be especially careful about those usually driven only in city traffic or on short trips. Also the car belonging to an old lady "who used it only to go to church on Sundays," traditionally supposed to be a "wonderful buy," is actually the worst car to buy. Have your own mechanic check any used car before you buy it, and especially if it has automatic transmission. If the unit needs an overhaul, as it may after 25,000 miles, the cost may run as much as $200.

While high resale value is important to a man who trades often, a used-car buyer can turn that situation to his advantage by buying a model that has lower resale value. The initial saving is of more value. Incidentally, when you keep down the initial expenditure, you keep down the finance charges too, and may be able to altogether escape that stiff 12-24 per cent toll by paying cash.

Also, with the trend now to V-8's, you will be able to buy six-cylinder models at an extra discount from now on. For usual family use, a six does fine, and also saves a little on fuel and repair costs.

She Said It

The fresh young traveling salesman put on his seductive smile as the pretty waitress glided up to his table to get his order, and remarked, "Nice day, Cutie."

"Yes, it is," she replied. "And so was yesterday, and my name is Ella, and I know I'm a pretty girl, and have lovely blue eyes, and I've been here quite a while and I like the place, and I don't think I'm too nice a girl to be working here.

"My wages are satisfactory, and I don't think there's a show or dance in town tonight, and if there was, I wouldn't go with you.

"I'm from the country and I'm a respectable girl, and my brother is the cook in this hotel, and he was a college football player and he weighs 300 pounds; last week he pretty near ruined a $25-a-week traveling man who tried to make a date with me; now, what'll you have . . . roast beef, roast pork, Irish stew, hamburger or fried liver?"

Some Good Food

School Lunches

By NANCY PRATT
AFL News Service

With children back to school and cooler weather just around the corner, hot lunches come back into style.

Fortunately, many schools have a hot lunch program to meet growing children's needs for a substantial noonday meal. Moreover, the lunches they supply are reasonably priced, usually no more than 25 cents per day—less than you would spend to provide them yourself.

These low-cost meals are made possible under the National School Lunch program which last year provided almost 10 million children with well-balanced hot lunches. Under this plan administered by the Department of Agriculture and state educational agencies, schools are provided funds to purchase necessary food or are actually given supplies from Government surplus food stocks. The schools also receive technical assistance on meal planning and preparation. The programs of cooperating schools are operated on a non-profit basis and must also meet sound nutritional standards. Further, children unable to afford the full price of the lunch are served at reduced rates or at no charge.

For hot lunches served at home, homemakers can take an economy tip from the school-lunch program by concentrating on foods in plentiful supply.

For example, this month you may want to take advantage of the good serving variations of the traditional hamburger at lunchtime.

Household Hints

Machinery!

An army of friendly robots is winning its way into homes all over America. The mechanical invaders are household appliances, whose use has just about doubled in the last seven years.

Among popular appliances, electric ironers are leading the field, with a whopping 105 per cent increase since the end of the Second World War. Not far behind are electric refrigerators, up 91 per cent; electric washers, up 88 per cent, and vacuum cleaners, up 83 per cent.

A few years ago, electric mixers were almost in the novelty class. Today 12,500,000 housewives are using them. It's the same story when it comes to electric dishwashers, which now are standard equipment in more than 1,250,000 homes.

Room air-conditioners are one of the latest household appliances to go into mass production.

But the robot trend goes beyond the mere addition of more equipment to the home. The appliances themselves are changing drastically. Many operate almost completely without human aid. For example, there are new electric ranges which turn themselves on, cook a meal, and then turn themselves off.

Another booming item is the clock-radio. It not only wakes folks up, but it also turns on an electric appliance ahead of time and cooks a pot of coffee.

ROBERT F. GORDON, a member of Boilermakers 39, died here September 16 leaving his son, Donald R.; brothers, Joseph, Lynley Lonnie, Raymond and John; and sisters, Mrs. Catherine Michael and Mrs. Jay Beagle.

FROM THE EDITOR TO THE LADIES:

JUVENILE DELINQUENCY and outright crime should be tackled along three lines, suggests Walter Lippmann the syndicated columnist, a writer known for his scholarliness and gravity of mind. The three lines he describes as follows:

"One is to increase parental responsibility. The second is to augment disciplinary power of the schools. The third is to intervene to protect the country, and particularly the adolescents, against the morbid stimulation they now get from comic books, and much of the movies and television."

Leaving aside the second and third proposals for meditation without comment, what do our readers think of the first suggestion—that parents should be held responsible for their delinquent or criminal children?"

"THE LAW should be amended," urges Lippmann, "so as to hold parents liable to punishment and fines for crimes committed by their children . . . These children are committing adult crimes, and if they are too immature to be held responsible then the adults who are responsible for them should be held responsible for the offenses. This liability should do something to make the wayward parents, who are letting their children run wild, amenable to the teaching and the preaching which they now ignore."

Funny thing: many parents would THINK they'd like to have the schools given more disciplinary power over their children; many others would CERTAINLY agree at once to somebody else, like the Government, or the police department, or practically anybody than themselves, censoring the comics.

But how many would wish to have "wayward parents" held responsible for the misdeeds of their youngsters?

Superfluous

Child: "The Lord gives us our daily bread, doesn't he, Mama?"

Mother: "Yes, dear."

Child: "And Santa Claus brings the presents?"

Mother: "Yes, dear."

Child: "And the stork brings the babies?"

Mother: "Yes, dear."

Child: "Then what's the use of having Papa hanging around?"

—Stone-wall Box Score

Blind!

"It's amazing that Mrs. B can never see any faults in her children."

"Mothers never can."

"What a silly thing to say! Just like a man! I'm sure I could see faults in our children—if they had any."—Coast Federal Challenger.

News About Women

No Prejudice

The announcement in Washington this week of a plan designed to encourage homemakers to enter the teaching field points up the fact that in recent decades there has been a decline in the prejudice against the hiring of married women as teachers.

This prejudice was particularly strong in the depression of the Nineteen Thirties, Chester M. Stephenson points out in a report in Marriage and Family Life. The report concerns itself with the attitude toward marriage of some students of education at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio.

During the depression, the author reminds the reader, school boards often refused to employ a married woman as a teacher and voided contracts of those who did marry. In 1952 in the elementary school system of Ohio 59 per cent of the 23,205 women teachers were married, he adds.

That teachers accept this prejudice as a thing of the past is indicated in two surveys Mr. Stephenson conducted among women students preparing for their elementary school certificates at the university. In a group of 397 students, only two planned to work only—the rest said they hoped to combine marriage with a career.

In another group of forty-seven students, those working off-campus as teachers but completing work for their degrees, forty-four were married. They were older women (only five in this group were under 40 years of age) who had left college without completing work for a degree, and the married ones had married before they started teaching.

Top Secret

The dear old lady had just received a letter from an absent son, but didn't know whether to feel glad or sad as she read:

"Dear Mom: What do you think? I joined the Navy, mostly because I never knew where my next meal was coming from, but doggone it, they've put me aboard a destroyer, and now I never know where my next meal is going to . . ."

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Women in This World

By EDITH McCONN

SCHOOL YEAR'S START means a new beginning for many families. One city's Safety Council believes it is a good time for families to make a new list of safety resolutions—and stick to them!

Some of the resolutions they list are these:

PLAN for enough sleep in the day's schedule. Adults should have seven or eight hours a night, children nine.

AVOID rushing in the morning by getting up early enough. Assemble clothes and school books the night before. Hurry is a "killer."

WATCH the family diet, not only to keep weight down, but to maintain vitality. A good breakfast is a "must."

BANISH bickering and controversy from the breakfast table—"they can set a pattern for disaster which will carry through the day."

Every family will have its own special problem about which it should make its own resolutions. They might be formally drawn up and agreed to by all.

Every family needs to check over its customs and habits from time to time. We all get into ruts.

Do this, and when the New Year comes around we may have fewer bad habits to consider and a better chance of keeping the new resolutions made then.

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK will be observed here through the week of October 3-10, and will be highlighted by an all-day industrial fire prevention clinic to be held in the Oakland Auditorium ballroom on October 7.

Child-Rearing

The Retarded

Parents of mentally handicapped children may be interested in the following booklet published recently:

"New Hope for the Retarded Child," by Dr. Walter Jacob (Public Affairs Committee, 22 East Thirty-eighth Street, New York 16, N. Y., 25 cents).

Dr. Jacob, director of the Training School at Vineland, N. J., describes the various services offered to help children so handicapped and their parents.

He explains such aspects of dealing with the problem as early diagnosis, methods of testing, treatment, education and vocational training procedures.

Discussing the causes of mental retardation, he emphasizes that many cases stem from sources having nothing to do with inheritance and involve normal parents whose youngsters' mental capacities are the result of brain tissue injuries or other brain injuries.

He stresses the need for private and public groups working more closely together. While private efforts may be better able to support research, public help may be more instrumental in getting results to greater numbers of those in need, he points out.

Tell 'em you saw it in East Bay Labor Journal.

In Politics

The increasingly active interest of women in politics has been recognized by Labor's League for Political Education with the creation of a new division devoted entirely to women voters in the families of trade union members.

Without getting into controversial ground, it can be conceded that women are more practical than men. In assessing the relative merits of candidates for public office, women are primarily interested in bread-and-butter facts and less likely than men to be beguiled by empty promises and hypocritical slogans. Perhaps because they've had lots of practice, women can more easily detect a phony alibi.

Thus, the increased political activity of women is all to the good insofar as better government is concerned. We are convinced that as women voters become fully acquainted with the need for more liberal and progressive government, they will go to the polls in full force next November and make certain their menfolk do, too. —AFL President George Meany in American Federationist.

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Notice of Sale on October 19, 1954, of Property Deeded to the State for Delinquent Taxes

Whereas, I was on August 10, 1954, directed by the Board of Supervisors of Alameda County, State of California, and there was received by me and filed in my office, authorization of the State Controller dated August 18, 1954, to sell at public auction certain tax deeded property, public notice is hereby given that unless said property is redeemed or an installment plan of redemption is initiated, prior thereto, I will on October 19, 1954, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock A.M., in the Tax Collector's Office in the Court House of the County of Alameda, in the City of Oakland, sell the said property as directed, at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in lawful money of the United States or negotiable paper for not less than the minimum price or prices set forth in this notice.

The parcels of property that are the subject of this notice are situated in the County of Alameda, State of California, and are described as follows:

No. 1. Deed Nos. 113204 and 125447. In City of Oakland, Forestland Manor, Lot 2450, Block 7303, and Lot 2449, Block 7303. Last assessed to Bernal E. Dobell and Lillian A. Hunter, respectively. Minimum price $141.00.

No. 2. Deed Nos. 29884 and 29885. In City of Oakland, Forestland Manor, Lot 2459, Block 7303, and Lot 2460, Block 7303. Last assessed to Wickham Havens, Inc. Minimum price $101.00.

No. 3. Deed No. 29887. In City of Oakland, Forestland Manor, Lot 2472, Block 7303. Last assessed to Wickham Havens, Inc. Minimum price $41.00.

No. 4. Deed No. 130661. In City of Oakland, Forestland Manor, Lot 2448, Block 7303. Last assessed to Lillian A. Hunter. Minimum price $36.00.

No. 5. Deed Nos. 119614 and 119615. In City of Oakland, Forestland Manor, Lot 2377, Block 7302 and Lot 2378, Block 7302. Last assessed to John T. Doherty. Minimum price $51.00.

No. 6. Deed No. 107179. In City of Oakland, Forestland Manor, Lot 2273, Block 7299. Last assesed to John G. Young. Minimum price $501.00.

No. 7. Deed No. 113200. In City of Oakland. Plat of the Part of the Rancho San Antonio Finally Confirmed to Antonio Maria Peralta et al. Pce of ld beg at the SE cor of Lot 2276 Forestland Manor th SE alg the NE ln of Carisbrook Drive 51.96 ft th N 19 deg 52 min E 126.12 ft th N 73 deg 10 min W 50 ft, th S 20 deg 49 min 15 sec E 124.40 ft to beg. Known as Lot 2276. Por of Block 7299. Last assessed to Helen A. Raithel. Minimum price $351.00.

No. 8. Deed No. 119611. In City of Oakland, Forestland Manor, Lot 2330, Block 7298. Last assessed to Thena Decker, et al. Minimum price $151.00.

No. 9. Deed No. 125437. In City of Oakland, Forestland Manor, Lot 2325, Block 7298. Last assessed to H. A. & Thelma Hanson. Minimum price $81.00.

No. 10. Deed No. 119609. In City of Oakland. Forestland Heights, Lot 2054, Block 7298. Last assessed to West Coast Houses, Inc. (a corp.) Minimum price $221.00.

No. 11. Deed No. 135539. In City of Oakland. Forestland Heights, Lot 1263, Block 7316. Last assessed to Bay Cities Properties. Minimum price $41.00.

No. 12. Deed No. 135538. In City of Oakland, Forestland Heights, Lot 1262, Block 7316. Last assessed to Jas. J. & Gladys C. Gahan. Minimum price $51.00.

No. 13. Deed No. 157094. In City of Oakland, Forestland Extension, Lot 861, Block 7324. Last assessed to Geneva M. Huffman. Minimum price $101.00.

No. 14. Deed No. 30243. In City of Oakland, Forestland Extension, Lot 871, Block 7324. Last assessed to H. K. Sylvester. Minimum price $151.00.

No. 15. Deed No. 157110. In City of Oakland, Forestland Heights, Lot 1482, Block 7328. Last assessed to Jas. J. & Gladys C. Gahan. Minimum price $81.00.

No. 16. Deed No. 157109. In City of Oakland, Forestland Heights, Lot 1487, Block 7328. Last assessed to Jas. J. & Gladys C. Gahan. Minimum price $81.00.

No. 17. Deed No. 113264. In City of Oakland, Forestland, Lot 431, Block 7334. Last assessed to Gertrude M. Hite. Minimum price $301.00.

No. 18. Deed No. 11255. In City of Oakland, Gwin Unit of Highlands of Oakland, Lot 266, Block 3451. Last assessed to Villa Site and Development Co. Minimum price $301.00.

No. 19. Deed No. 43205. In City of Oakland, Gwin Unit of Highlands of Oakland, Lot 219, Block 7618. Last assessed to Villa Site and Development Co. Minimum price $161.00.

No. 20. Deed Nos. 11084 and 11085. In City of Oakland, Gwin Unit of Highlands of Oakland, Lot 62, Block 3451 and Lot 63, Block 3451. Last assessed to Villa Site and Development Co. Minimum price $301.00.

No. 21. Deed Nos. 11086 and 11087. In City of Oakland, Gwin Unit of Highlands of Oakland, Lot 64, Block 3451 and Lot 65, Block 3451. Last assessed to Villa Site and Development Co. Minimum price $301.00.

No. 22. Deed No. 122171. (Seg) *A ½ Interest only.* In Eden Township (now in City of Hayward), Cherry Orchard Tract, Pce of ld beg at a pt on E ln Cherry Ave. 460 ft SE fm Sycamore Ave. th SE 50 ft by 113.74 fe NE. Por of Blk D. Last assessed to Leon Chavarria, ½ Interest. Minimum price $181.00.

No. 24. Deed No. 107226. In City of Oakland, Forestland Extension, Lot 894, Block 7324. Last assessed to George W. & Mary A. Disher. Minimum price $301.00.

No. 25. Deed No. 116449. In Washington Township, Amended Plan of Decoto, Lot 2, Block 33. Last assessed to Juan Santano. Minimum price $126.00.

If redemption of the property or the initiation of an installment plan of redemption is not made before it is sold, the right of redemption will cease.

Edwin Meese, Jr.
Tax Collector of Alameda County, State of California.

Location and Data Concerning Above Parcels

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Each parcel will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder who immediately tenders the full amount of his bid by check or in currency.

Properties are sold subject to certain liens, if any, such as street, sewer, lighting or other special assessments. IF KNOWN to undersigned Tax Collector, existence of lien is indicated by asterisk after item number.

(The following information, unofficial and without warranty, is submitted for the guidance and convenience of prospective purchasers.)

No. 1. In Oakland on the South side of Westover Drive approximately 335 feet East of Shelterwood Drive. Two lots with 120 foot frontage on Westover Drive sloping up 210 feet on the West side and 229 feet on the East side to a rear measurement of 110 feet. Account Nos. 48D-7303-75 and 76. Minimum price $141.00.

No. 2. In Oakland on the South side of Westover Drive approximately 690 feet East of Shelterwood Drive. Two lots with a curving frontage of 233 feet on Westover Drive sloping up to a 52 foot frontage on Girvin Drive. The parcel measures 221 feet on the East and 397 feet on the West. Account Nos. 48D-7303-24 and 81. Minimum price $101.00.

No. 3. In Oakland on the South side of Westover Drive approximately 650 feet West of Doran Drive. A lot with 70 foot frontage on Westover sloping up approximately 240 feet to a 42 foot frontage on Girvin Drive. Account No. 48D-7303-22. Minimum price $41.00.

No. 4. In Oakland on the North side of Girvin Drive approximately 235 feet East of and across the street from No. 6300 Girvin Drive. An approximately 53 x 250 foot down sloping lot. Account No. 48D-7303-29. Minimum price $36.00.

No. 5. In Oakland, two lots with 64 foot frontage on the North side of Chelton Drive approximately 455 feet East of Carisbrook Drive and slanting down to a 65 foot frontage on Girvin Drive. The lot is 208 feet long on the East side and 228 feet on the West side. Account Nos. 48D-7302-16 and 60. Minimum price $51.00.

No. 6. In Oakland on the North side of Carisbrook Drive between No. 2624 and No. 2638. An irregular shaped lot with 52 foot frontage on Carisbrook Drive which slopes downward in the rear to a 55 foot frontage on Chelton Drive. It is 178 feet long on the East side and 140 feet on the West. Account No. 48D-7299-31. Minimum price $501.00.

No. 7. In Oakland on the North side of Carisbrook Drive 52 feet East of No. 2638. An approximately 50 x 124 foot lot sloping down from Carisbrook Drive. Account No. 48D-7299-28. Minimum price $351.00.

No. 8. In Oakland on the Northwest side of Chelton Drive approximately 60 feet West of Exeter Drive. An irregular shaped lot with 30 foot frontage on Chelton Drive and sloping down to Aitken Drive 253 feet on the East and approximately 260 feet on the West side and having 55 foot frontage on Aitken Drive. Account No. 48D-7298-37. Minimum price $151.00.

No. 9. In Oakland on the North side of Chelton Drive approximately 90 feet Northeast of Exeter Drive. A 52 foot frontage on Chelton Drive sloping down to Aitken Drive 97 feet on the East side and 144 feet on the West side with 85 foot curved frontage on Aitken Drive. Account No. 48D-7298-32. Minimum price $81.00.

No. 10. In Oakland on the South side of Evergreen Ave. 50 ft East of No. 6701. An irregular shaped lot with 50 foot frontage on Evergreen slanting down to Aitken Drive 137 ft on the West and approximately 165 feet on the East and having 30 foot frontage on Aitken Drive. Account No. 48D-7298-3. Minimum price $221.00.

No. 11. In Oakland on the North side of Manzanita Drive approximately 560 feet Southeast of the East end of Villanova Drive. An upsloping corner lot with 155.63 foot curving frontage on Manzanita Drive. Side measurements are 126.65 feet and 60 feet. Account No. 48E-7316-11. Minimum price $41.00.

No. 12. In Oakland on the North side of Manzanita Drive approximately 715 feet Southeast of the East end of Villanova Drive. A lot with 60 foot frontage on Manzanita sloping up to a 49 foot rear measurement. Side measurements are 204 and 230 feet. Account Nos. 48E-7316-12-1 & 48E-7316-12-2. Minimum price $51.00.

No. 13.★ In Oakland on the East side of Homewood Drive North of and adjacent to No. 7148. A 50 x 131 foot downsloping lot with frontage on Homewood Drive and also a public lane in the rear. Account No. 48E-7324-67. Minimum price $101.00.

No. 14.★ In Oakland on the East side of Homewood Drive North of and adjacent to No. 7084. A 52 x 98 foot lot downsloping to a frontage on a public driveway. Account No. 48E-7324-57. Minimum price $151.00.

No. 15.★ In Oakland on the North side of Woodrow Drive approximately 160 ft Northeast of No. 7151. A 113 x 45 x 116 foot upsloping lot with 60 foot frontage on Woodrow Drive. Account No. 48E-7328-31. Minimum price $81.00.

No. 16.★ In Oakland on the North side of Woodrow Drive approximately 340 feet Northeast of No. 7151. A 60 x 90 foot upsloping lot. Account No. 48E-7328-28. Minimum price $81.00.

No. 17. In Oakland on the East side of Snake Road approximately 110 feet South of No. 7012 Snake Road. A lot having a high bank frontage of 85 feet on Snake Road and sloping up to a 35.81 foot frontage on a narrow driveway in the rear. South and North side measurements are 140 and 161 feet respectively. Account No. 48E-7334-13. Minimum price $301.00.

No. 18. In the Oakland hills Northwest of the Broadway Low-Level Tunnel. An irregular shaped downsloping lot slightly South of and approximately opposite No. 7027 Devon Way. The lot has 51.54 foot frontage on Devon Way down to a 65 foot frontage on Norfolk Road and measuring 80 feet on the North side and 123 feet on the South side. Account No. 48H-7617-5. Minimum price $301.00.

No. 19. In the Oakland hills Northwest of Broadway Low-Level Tunnel on the West side of Bristol Drive approximately 300 feet Northeast from the corner of Buckingham Blvd. (No. 6816). An upsloping lot 104 x 50 x 93 with 51.79 foot frontage on Bristol Drive. Account No. 48H-7618-21. Minimum price $161.00.

No. 20. In the Oakland hills Northwest of the Broadway Low-Level Tunnel on the West side of Charing Cross Road at its intersection with Tunnel Road. An irregular shaped parcel of land with approximately 110 foot frontage on Charing Cross Road sloping up to a rear measurement of 54.89 feet. The South side is 108.17 feet and the North side approximately 136 feet long. Account Nos. 48H-7621-31 and 32. Minimum price $301.00.

No. 21. In the Oakland hills Northwest of the Broadway Low-Level Tunnel on the West side of Charing Cross Road approximately 110 feet Southwest of its intersection with Tunnel Road. Two lots with 89.85 foot frontage on Charing Cross Road sloping up approximately 108 feet to a 105 foot measurement in the rear. Account Nos. 48H-7621-33 and 34. Minimum price $301 00.

No. 22. Now in the City of Hayward. A level lot 50 x 113.74 feet on the East side of Thomas Ave. between No. 24730 and No. 24762. A ½ *interest only.* Account No. 78B-220-41. Minimum price $181.00.

No. 24.★ In Oakland on West side of Saroni Drive, 70 feet North from No. 7101. A 60 x 86 foot upsloping lot. Account No. 48E-7324-33. Minimum price $301.00.

No. 25. In Decoto on the East side of 6th Street between No. 302 and No. 306. A 50 x 100 foot lot. Assessor's book 87, page 58. Minimum price $126.00.

Edwin Meese, Jr.
Tax Collector of Alameda County, State of California.

Dressing Room Chatter

Scribe Stresses 'Pay Your Dues'

By JOE CONNELLY

From time to time we have pointed out the importance of paying dues promptly in so much as on rare occasions it may affect the payment of the benefit payment in the event a member may die while delinquent.

Such a case recently happened when a member employed in Alameda died. Payment to the beneficiary was denied on the ground that the deceased was not a paid-up member in good standing.

Further perusal of the members financial record revealed that she had been delinquent the previous two quarters.

This matter was explained in detail at the night meeting of Thursday, November 17, 1954. However, some sources are under the impression that the membership voted on the matter at that meeting. There was nothing to vote on. The administrator of the fund is bound to make or withhold payments depending upon whether or not the members' beneficiary was eligible to receive the benefit.

Another point which we reiterate is that it is important that you make sure you have the beneficiary listed that you would want to receive the payment in the event of your death. In some cases members have beneficiaries listed who have pre-deceased them. You may change your beneficiary at any time by simply writing, telephoning or coming into the business office and asking for a new form on which to designate your beneficiary.

Up and down the aisle . . . **Ken Workman,** former manager of the United Artists in Berkeley, being transferred to the Golden State interests in Reno. He served as a member of the Berkeley municipal personnel board, and due to his transfer was forced to resign that post. Workman was not considered a friend of labor by this organization as he repeatedly attempted to circumvent the union agreement. Needless to say he will find Reno far more to his liking as the theater employes are not organized . . . The **Oakland Speedway** did a swan song last Sunday. The structure is being razed to make way for a new $25,000,000 Bayfair shopping . . .

Jimmy Sincich out of the Army and back at the California as assistant manager . . . **Carl Hoglund,** formerly of the Fox Oakland now tending door at the T & D . . . The Roxie undergoing a personnel turnover with **Bea Ferrari** and **Pat Crowson** leaving, **Sylvia Rousseau** and **Juanita Morris** (the latter formerly of the Fruitvale & Neptune) arriving, with **Nick Gorbunoff** switching from the T & D door to the Roxie door . . . **George Ebey,** also of the Roxie, grinning like a canary-fed cat after giving friends and relations the slip at City Hall; the bride is **Naomi McNeill** (or was) and your correspondent doubled as best man . . . **Ida Johnson** back at the Paramount . . . **Shirley Baptista** is Alice Burdick's replacement on the relief shift in the Paramount box office . . . Carolyn Ortiz is the new addition to the Tower floor staff . . . The final meeting of the month will be held tomorrow, Saturday, September 25, at 10 a.m.

Steamfitter Notes, Local 342

Steamfitters Get Lowdown on Label

By JIM MARTIN

The writer had the pleasure of being a delegate from the United Association to the 46th Annual Convention of the Union Label and Service Trades Department of the American Federation of Labor which convened at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles on September 15, 16 and 17.

Space does not permit a detailed account as to the history of the Union Label.

The privilege of displaying the Union Label, Shop Card or Service Button is awarded to those manufacturers, merchandisers or other firms having collective bargaining agreements with American Federation of Labor unions. These official emblems are the best guarantee that products are manufactured and services are performed under American Labor Union standards and in compliance with the Federal and State laws, safeguarding men and women workers in respect to health, sanitation, wages, hours and working conditions.

One may ask, what are Union Labels, Shop Cards, and Service Buttons? The Union Label is a symbol which is displayed by means of a cloth or paper label, stamp or other imprint upon products to indicate that they are made in unionized shops, factories and other industrial establishments. The Shop Card is a printed sign which is displayed in the window or on the wall of all shops and business places, the employes of which are unionized. The Service Button is similar to the insignia of lodges or fraternal orders and is worn in the same manner. The Service Button gives assurance that the services are performed or rendered by members of trade unions.

In January 1947 the United Association became affiliated with the Union Label and Trades Service Department. Contractors, after qualifying, were granted permission to use the United Association Union Label. Fabrication, fabricated in contractors' shops and shipped to all parts of the country with the Union Label attached, is being installed by members of the U. A. without question.

The 10,000,000 members of the AFL unions and women's auxiliaries have an annual purchasing power of billions of dollars.

There is no better way to show your loyalty to your brother unionists than to demand the Union Label, Shop Card and Button. Union Label buying is the best way to obtain the full benefits for all unions and it is the best insurance for a powerful and lasting American Labor Union movement.

The great reforms, which the American Federation of Labor advocates, can be more easily accomplished by greater organization and union label buying, collective bargaining and buying. These are the only methods yet discovered to raise wages, shorten hours and better the conditions of the workers. In just the degree that workers and their friends buy under the Union Label, Shop Card, and Button can they obtain a full measure of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

We urge all the members to attend our next meeting, which will be held on Thursday, October 7, 1954.



Plasterers 112

At the September 2 meeting of Plasterers 112, the Local directed that notice be given to all members that death benefits will not, on any account, be paid to the beneficiaries of a deceased member if the member was not in good standing at the time of his death.

A recent case of a brother, who was a long-time member of this Union, but out of benefit at the time of his death, has brought this matter rather forcefully to the attention of this Local.

Please see that your dues are paid to date.

Fraternally,
GEORGE WHITTON,
Secretary-Treasurer

Sheet Metal Workers 216

The Laney Trade and Technical Institute has again resumed journeyman classes for sheet metal workers. This class operates from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays. Guy Edwards, a member of Local 216, is the instructor. Sheet Metal Workers who desire to improve on their layout should by all means attend this class. Being able to layout your work, will greatly assist us in finding employment for members who cannot work in shops due to their inexperience in this phase of our work. The Sheet Metal Shop at the Trade School is located between 2nd and 3rd Avenue on East 11th Street.

A very serious situation has occurred in the case of Arnold Struckman, a member of this local who is employed by Electrical Products. Arnold is in the Peralta Hospital and is in need of blood donors. We urge any of the members or apprentices who are able to donate blood to contact our office.

We are again reminding you that the Sheet Metal Workers' Baseball Team under the guidance of Bill Rodda, will play in the Championship Playoff in the Young American League on Saturday, September 25, 1954, at 2 p.m. We hope that some of the members of the Union and apprentices will go out to the game at the Oakland Ball Park. Your time will be well spent watching these boys playing, and particularly the maneuvers of Bill Rodda coaching them. Try to be there.

The next Regular Meeting of the Sheet Metal Workers' Union will be held Wednesday, October 20, 1954, at 8 p.m.

Fraternally,
LLOYD CHILD,
Business Representative

Hayward Painters 1178

The next regular meeting of Local 1178 will assemble Friday, October 1, at the usual time, 8 p.m.

Sincerely and Fraternally Yours,
ROBERT S. MILLER,
Recording Secretary

The Union Teacher Speaks

AFL Teachers Endorse Anga Bjornson

By RALPH Q. STEINHAUS

The Oakland Federation of Teachers is proud of the candidacy for the state senate of one of its members, Miss Anga Bjornson. By carrying on an active participation in civic affairs she is carrying on the tradition of good citizenship exemplified by other fine AFL teachers such as U.S. Senators Paul Douglas, Hubert Humphrey, and Mike Mansfield. Anga has spent much of her life teaching the children of people who have to work for a living and she knows their problems and their needs. She would be of inestimable value as a friend of our schools in the legislature.

This writer has been most impressed, however, by her moral qualities of undying opposition to graft, coruption, and favoritism. Never afraid to speak her mind on controversial issues, Anga would set a pace that other legislators would have a hard time keeping up with.

One reason that AFL teachers have been more civic conscious than the average run of teachers is that they realize that many of their problems in the classroom stem from a lack of well-being in the home. They know that legislation designed to benefit the economic and social well-being of the family will help solve many of their problems in the schools.

AFL teachers know, too, that apart from party labels, the personal political philosophy of the individual candidate is an important factor in evaluating a candidate's fitness for office. We have a deep seated faith in our American heritage and oppose totalitarianism of every hue. We know that the highest type of loyalty is to remain true to our American ideals of democracy and freedom so that we may be free to constructively criticize and improve ourselves.

JOE PETERS, a member of Hayward Carpenters 1622, died in Hayward on September 13 at age 73 leaving his widow, Adline D.; sons, Otto and Howard J.; a daughter, Nadine; sisters, Evelyn, Rose, Mary Cabral, Louise Lawrence and Annie Lemos; and brothers, Arthur and Edward.

NINE HUNDRED members of both the AFL Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers and the AFL Paper Makers, holding joint contracts with the St. Regis Paper Co. and the Columbia River Paper Mills in Vancouver, Wash., have won a 2 percent blanket raise plus other improvements.

Carpenters' Auxiliary Boosts Polio Campaign

By MAE A. BRISTOW
Press Correspondent

Carpenters Ladies Aux. 160 held its regular social meeting on Sept. 10. A good time was had by all and the committee served delicious creamed chicken with all the trimmings.

The executive board met at the home of our President Tress Flanigan. Some of the officers being away, the attendance was not too good. Several items of interest to all were discussed and then a general discussion of things not directly concerning the auxiliary followed. Among them was the polio situation. The need for funds and the great need for different kind of treatment machines was the topic of the discussion. There is a great need for them, the hospitals are swamped and cannot provide for all. A thought for us all there.

Eleanor Clapp and husband just returned from a trip to Washington to see relatives. We are glad to know that Eleanor could take this trip and we know she had a wonderful time. More power to you Eleanor and John.

Aline Haake and family had a very good time on their trip south. Aline had the pleasure of meeting some of her relatives she has not seen for years. It is nice to have a family reunion every once in awhile.

Another of our members has been bitten by the travel bug. Agnes Anderson is leaving for Minnesota to visit relatives. We are wishing her a grand trip and a safe return. We also hope she will find all well when she gets there.

President Tress Flanigan and family took a trip over the Labor Day holiday. Tress says they had a wonderful time visiting with old friends in Bakersfield, Tulare and Visalia. That is a wonderful country and having friends there makes it better. We are glad that Tress and Lem could have this time away from cares of home.

If you have not yet contributed to the Polio Emergency Fund do it now. It is never too late.

Remember always that you are a union organization.

Ask for the Union card or button from whoever serves you. It all helps.

Union Painter Strikes It Rich on TV Program

When Harold Amtzis' wife appeared on "Strike It Rich," the nationwide television and radio program, she told the audience that her husband wanted to become a painting contractor. Her plea was for paint brushes and other materials which would enable him to start, says a press release from the Alex Smith advertising agency.

Mrs. Andy Varrone, wife of the head of the AFL Brushmakers Union Local 16303 was listening to the program. She called her husband who spoke to Harry Avrutin, head of the Union Label and Service Trades Department of New York State about it. As a result, Avrutin arranged with Pitegoff Bros. of Brooklyn, N.Y. to contribute a set of union-labelled paint brushes. Pitegoff Brothers have had excellent relations with the Brushmakers Union for 28 years and were the first national firm to put the AFL union label on their brushes.

APPROXIMATELY 50,000 AFL members are serving as volunteers in Community Chest and United Crusade drives and in Red Feather agencies this year, while nearly 40 AFL representatives are serving in professional capacities with local Chests and Councils in this country.

Watch It With Watchmakers

Fort Ord Needs Two Watchmakers

by MILDRED HEFFERNAN
In the absence of George F. Allen

Mr. Allen will have returned from the Pacific Coast Council meeting being held in Los Angeles by the time this article reaches you. During his absence a call came into the office inquiring as to whether or not we had any watchmakers who would be interested in going to work at Fort Ord. They have several watchmakers now employed and are in need of two more. If any of you members who are out of work feel you may be interested, telephone Mr. Rockafeller—Carmel 7-7862—for full particulars.

Joe E. Smith, Former Oakland Mayor, Joins Fight for Dick Graves

Richard Graves, Democratic candidate for Governor, announced here the appointment of Joseph E. Smith, prominent attorney and former mayor of Oakland as Campaign Chairman for Alameda County.

In accepting the assignment Mr. Smith said: "I have been personally acquainted with Richard Graves for several years and have always been impressed with his ability, honesty and integrity. With the problems facing our state in the fields of school facilities, agriculture, population, growth and finance, we are fortunate in having a man with the qualifications and bckground of Dick Graves running for Governor."

Democratic headquarters have been established at 100 Grand Avenue, Oakland, HIghgate 4-1566.

LEONA PEARL SMITH, a member of Upholsterers 3, passed away here on September 15 at age 59 leaving her sisters, Mrs. James Fraser nd Mrs. Helen Tobelman; and a brother, Carl Kreifelo.

JOHN P. TIBBETS, a member of Musicians 6, passed away here on September 5 leaving his widow, Florence. He was 71.



Assemblyman Dunn Talk Scheduled Sept. 25 at San Leandro City Hall

Assemblyman Francis Dunn Jr. will speak on the controversial garbage-burning issue (tomorrow) Saturday at 8 p.m. in the San Leandro City Hall, 835 East 14th Street.

Dunn is expected to outline the background and present his stand on this subject of great importance to many residents of San Leandro and adjacent areas.

One Oakland city official has stated that residents of Contra Costa county have become accustomed to the odors of nearby oil refineries, and feels that people who live near garbage dumps should, in the same manner, learn to live with unpleasant odors resulting from the burning of garbage. Assemblyman Dunn disagrees with this viewpoint. He believes it is the duty of responsible local government to seek new and effective methods of garbage collection and disposal.

Dunn has criticized local scavenger companies for their failure to comply with ordinances dealing with the disposal of garbage. He is a candidate for the Alameda County Board of Supervisors from the 2nd Supervisorial District.

MRS. PATRICIA WILLIAMS, who works in the Sheet Metal Workers Welfare Plan office in the Labor Temple, returned Monday from a two weeks trout-fishing vacation in Glacier National Park in the Canadian Rockies.

IMPOSITION of a special tax on cigarettes, juke boxes and other vending machines as well as an increase in parking meter rates is being considered by the Oakland City Council.

Roybal Proposes Help For School Districts

Financial loans by the state to overtaxed school districts to help them solve critical teaching and building problems was advocated by Edward R. Roybal, Democratic nominee for lieutenant governor in San Francisco last Friday at a meeting in the home of Mrs. Henry Grady, wife of the United States Ambassador to Greece.

"Half day sessions must be eliminated to give our children adequate education," said Roybal as he proposed a special bond issue to provide a revolving fund from which distressed school districts could borrow regardless of their present assessed valuation.

FREDERICK KNUTTI, 75, a member of Carmen Division 192, died here on September 17 leaving his widow, Ida May; brothers Jacob and Samuel; and sisters Mrs. Lena Will and Mrs. Marie Johnson.

ARTHUR THEODORE JANNSON, a member of Carpenters 36, passed away here on September 18 leaving his widow, Theodora; sons, Raymond T. Jannson and Emil L. Friedrich; and four grandchildren.

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OPINIONS

EXHAUSTED

When is one of the Government's statistical wizards going to admit that one reason unemployment compensation rolls may be falling some places is because workers have exhausted their benefits and no longer can collect weekly checks?

A fast trip through Pennsylvania's hard coal regions should be sufficient to check on the fact that many benefits are running out.

Theoretically, of course, if a few million workers were to exhaust their unemployment compensation, the Administration could issue a press release that unemployment no longer exists because the unemployment compensation rolls were falling.—The New Era (Reading, Pa.).

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"What do the workers of America want? Just this—to make our free land a better place to live in . . . for themselves and for all of us."—George Meany, in a TV interview.

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UNSOLVED

Mankind as a whole has a long way to go before it can rightly feel that it has solved the problem of production and abundance. The mass want in large sections of the globe is due primarily to inability to produce efficiently and sufficiently. The poverty in other places is due to maldistribution or unjust social distribution of the goods produced or the income created. What is more, inadequate production and the gravest unjust social distribution tend to go hand in hand.—Matthew Woll, AFL vice-president.

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PRE-VETO

"Every man who has ever carried me a letter is a friend of mine. I was in the Army too long not to place mail call above every other call that the bugles could blow . . . Your compensation, retirement and so on have been close to the hearts of Republican leaders for a long time. They will continue to be close."—Gen. Dwight Eisenhower in speech before convention of National Association of Letter Carriers, Sept. 1, 1952.

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CONFUSED!

"I'm a little confused," says Better Homes & Gardens' Burton Hillis. "The paper says American Indians are promised freedom from Federal controls as soon as they demonstrate an economic maturity. Next column says the U.S. debt is over $270 billion."—Wall Street Journal.

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CHURCHILL

If we fail, then the whole world, including the United States, including all that we have known and cared for, will sink into the abyss of a new Dark Age, made more sinister, and perhaps more protracted, by the lights of perverted science.—Churchill, when France had fallen.

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Editorials

How to Borrow, Spend, Hide the IOU'S Under the Rug is Grand GOP Scheme

How to eat more and yet keep your figure slim is a problem faced by many people.

But the Eisenhower Administration has worked out a way to eat more of the taxpayers' money and yet keep the figure of the budget slim and trim.

Senator Kuchel, who is running scared well nigh to death of his Democratic opponent, Congressman Sam Yorty, had much to do with putting the eat-more-and-get-slimmer scheme through Congress.

Some have called it the "painless payment" plan for getting Government buildings constructed. Under it, "lease-purchase" arrangements are made by which post offices or other Federal facilities are privately financed and constructed, then leased to the Government for 10-to-25-year periods. The rental payments are applied toward the purchase price of the building, with the Government eventually taking ownership.

Under this scheme, the Government is about to embark on its first big "civilian building" program in 15 years. Government building was interrupted by World War II when military construction took preference. Officials now figure there's a $2.5 billion backlog of Federal construction projects. So it's a pretty big deal.

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Now the Eisenhower Administration not only hopes to develop a reputation for balancing budgets, but also for genuine economy to the taxpayer. But does the taxpayer benefit by this lease-purchase scheme? Here's the answer as the Wall Street Journal gives it:

"The taxpayer's burden won't be any lighter in the long run, even though payments will be spread over a number of years. In fact, the instalment plan will actually make the ultimate cost of new buildings more expensive for the Government, just as it does for the private home owner. The Government in effect will have a mortgage on its new buildings. So in addition to rental payments, it will also have to pay interest to the private lenders or builders who put up the cash. Thus the new plan is more expensive than a lump-sum appropriation to cover the entire cost of the construction work."

The interest which will be paid "to the private lenders or builders who put up the cash" will doubtless be at a higher rate than would be paid for the borrowing of money by the Government on the usual large scale; so it looks like a nice scheme for spreading some gravy.

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The GOP Administration in the State also is seething with schemes to eat more and yet keep the budget figure slim.

Governor Knight thinks it would be just lovely to take tidelands oil revenues, impounded for recreational beach and park acquisition purposes, and spend it for current expenses. Richard Graves, Democratic candidate for Governor, has called this a "proposal to plunder the beach and park acquisition fund as part of a frantic effort to balance an unbalanced State budget."

Knight earlier thought it would be nice to grab the $38 millions teachers' retirement reserve and spend it for other purposes. But teachers and others interested in education raised such a rumpus that Goody backed away from that one. However, Republican State Senator Ben Hulse of Imperial has recently been booming the scheme again; perhaps Goodys wants to be "forced" by Hulse and others of his GOP pals to grab the teachers' retirement money.

These GOP Federal and State schemes for "painless payments," that is, for borrowing, spending the money while nobody's looking, and asking the recipients to hide the IOUs under the rug for awhile, give a fair idea of that marvelous fiscal integrity on which Republicans modestly claim a monopoly.

Business Subsidy vs. Postal Pay

President Eisenhower, it will be remembered—yes, and it'll be remembered a long time, too!—claimed that the reason he vetoed the measure providing increased pay for postal workers and other U.S. employees was because Congress did not provide increased postal rates to pay for the increase.

Leaving aside the fact that there are a million other Federal workers who would have received the increase besides the half a million postal workers, here's another point.

How much in the way of aids and services does the Government spend on labor as compared with business? It's true that there was no question of aids and services involved in the measure to raise pay which Mr. Eisenhower vetoed: it was a straight question of a decent pay raise very much needed by workers who have long had no increase, and who have had a hard time making ends meet. But it is at least of significance that while Mr. Eisenhower doesn't think postal workers and other Government employees are entitled to a pay increase until postal rates are boosted, the Government is giving five times as much money in aids and services to business as it is giving to labor.

Five times as much! The figures are plain. An official report of the Library of Congress gives them: for the fiscal year which ended June 30 business received $1,063,000,000 in aids and services, while labor received $222 millions in unemployment insurance, etc.

The major types of current Federal expenditures primarily benefitting business enterprises are the portions of the postal deficits arising from airmail and second, third, and fourth-class mail; maritime operating subsidies and navigation and other aids to the shipping industry; various aids to air navigation; and the net losses accruing on defense production aids.

A billion dollars plus $63 millions annually for business aids, which means in the case of the postal deficit, subsidized mailing privileges for business—but not one cent for a decent wage increase for the postal workers who lug the stuff around for these subsidized businesses!

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Unemployment and Uncertainty

JOB SCARCITY CAUSING YOUNG PEOPLE TO QUIT SEEKING WORK

The scarcity of jobs is driving large numbers of workers over 65 and under 20 out of the labor market, AFL News Service reports.

The Federal Reserve Board, which reported the decline in the number of youthful and older workers, did not attribute it to the unemployment trend but a Labor Department spokesman indicated this was a cause.

The Labor Department said because of the recession many youngsters were unable to find jobs, had stopped looking and therefore were listed as no longer in the labor market.

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The aggregate figures no doubt are as accurate as the statisticians can make them—but they ignore the population increase, they ignore the situation of people.

This is getting to be a familiar technique of the administration. If jobless insurance claims drop, claim an "improvement." Don't bother to inquire whether the claims dropped because people's benefits had been exhausted even though they still had no jobs.

If employment rises a little, as it did in some fields in June, claim an "improvement." Ignore the fact that other government figures reveal that 300,000 kids just out of school, who in other years would promptly have looked for jobs, postponed their own active entrance into the labor market.

The extraordinary fact is that the administration is beginning to take credit for last year's "record" prosperity, most of which was achieved before the Humphrey "hard money" policy began to bite, before the economy began to slide in the fall, and before Humphrey was forced to reverse his "hard money" approach.

The President himself, in his recent report on Congress, talked about the past "19 months" of prosperity as if they resulted from his policies. Yet the facts are that the record civilian employment and distribution of per capita income were undermined by his economic policies—and have never yet recovered except to what is now claimed will be a "second best year."

"Second best" in the aggregate, we must remember, but considerably worse than 1953 when measured in terms of individual people.—Labor's Daily.

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Building activities in Alameda county unincorporated areas showed a sharp decrease during August, as compared to the previous month, with 364 permits issued for construction estimated at $1,944,175.

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"Kid" Ory, one of the most distinguished of American jazz artists, and his Creole Jazz Band, open the series on October 3.

Bob Scobey and his Frisco Jazz Band, featuring Clancy Hayes and Burt Bales on piano, perform October 10, the group's final Bay Area appearance before leaving for the East.

On October 17, Vivian Dalaba presents an integrated program of folk music featuring Barbara Dane, K. C. Douglas, the Deep South Blues Band, Frank Robinson, and others.

On October 24, Carl Tjader and his group present an afternoon of Afro-Cuban and progressive jazz.

All proceeds from the four concerts will be used in the current Democratic political campaign in the 7th Congressional District.

Tickets for all the concerts are $1.50 and $2, tax included, and may be purchased at Yerba Buena Music Shop, 5721 Grove St., Rumford's Pharmacy, 2960 Sacramento St., Berkeley, Lucas Book Store, 2430 Bancroft Way, and at the 7th Congressional District Democratic Headquarters, 3826 Adeline St., phone OL. 3-7123. Curtain time for all the concerts is 2:30 p.m.

THREE REPRESENTATIVES of Electricians 1245 attended the International Labor Press Association convention in Los Angeles during the weekend preceding the AFL convention. The trio included Ron Weakley, business manager; L. L. Mitchell, assistant business manager; and George Rice, education and research director.

AFL Advertising Squib Humors CLC Delegates

Kenneth Curley, Auto Salesmen 1095, elicited a loud burst of good-natured laughter while being sworn in as a delegate to the Central Labor Council this week.

The normal procedure for being sworn in as a council delegate is to face the entire council and state one's name and union affiliation. This Curley did faultlessly, but in characteristic salesmen fashion he deliberately added the name and address of his employer.

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After the laughter subsided, one of the council delegates joshingly remarked, "That guy Silva (Local 1095 secretary and business manager) really teaches his members right."

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Knight-Whitaker-Baxter Invites Kids to Invite Goody to Get Publicity

Political opponents of Governor Knight in his campaign for re-election in November were much amused by a recent publicity stunt of his campaign managers, Whitaker & Baxter, which went sour.

Knight told a press conference that a group of "student leaders want to meet with me, want to ask me questions, want to ask about narcotics."

Knight said that these students had asked him to discuss dope and sex deviation with them following the arrest of several persons in San Francisco on charges of misleading young people into bad ways.

The Governor said that he had "accepted the invitation" and would meet with the youngsters.

Later is was discovered, according to the S. F. Chronicle, a Republican newspaper supporting Knight in his campaign for re-election, that the kids hadn't invited the Governor to discuss these juicy and publicity-getting subjects, but that a telegram carrying Knight's signature had been sent out to various school superintendents asking them to rustle up some kids to confer with Knight.

This telegram, it seems, was sent from San Francisco by an employee of Whitaker & Baxter, the high-powered huckster team managing Knight's campaign. After the telegram was sent, copies of it and the names of persons to whom it was addressed were forwarded to Knight in Sacramento, so he'd know what he'd been doing lately.

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